SAN JUAN BOCES

SAN JUAN BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

May 24,2020

Dear Kwiyagatu Community Academy:

The San Juan Board of Cooperative Educational Services (SJ BOCES) is pleased to support the Kwiyagatu Community Academy. The Kwiyagatu Community Academy, a proposed Ute Mountain Ute language and culture charter school in Towaoc, Colorado, will be an important and critical new addition to the educational services in the Montezuma County region of Colorado, when it opens in Fall 2021. The SJ BOCES is very much looking forward to working together with the Executive Committee of the Academy while they build the support and partnerships needed to have a great school.

The SJ BOCES believes that we can aid in the development of the school by providing professional development and contract services during the two separate time periods:

(1) Summer 2020-Fall 2021 during start-up phase:

a. Provide half-day training for new KCA School Director and Lead Teachers on SJBOCES services, preschool to elementary school transition requirements and local resources
b. Hold transition meetings for families enrolled in Ute Mountain Ute Head Start who might qualify for Exceptional Student Services and who plan to enroll in Kwiyagatu Community Academy with school staff
c. Discuss range of services with School Design Team, meet with individual SJ BOCES service providers and agree on cost of services and regular schedule for services and consultations

(2) Fall 2021-on-going during school operations
a. Provide consultation and direct services for identified children
b. Discuss future caseloads for future years and approximate costs
c. Recommend additional training given the student population and teacher skill level

Additionally, the SJ BOCES leverages resources to provide quality professional development to schools in our region and would include and invite the Kwiyagatu Community Academy staff to attend and have access to these opportunities. Areas of professional development that were provided through the SJ BOCES this year included Trauma Informed Approaches, Restorative Practices, Gifted Education, Special Education topics (e.g., Autism, Literacy, Behavior Strategies etc.).

It is with enthusiasm that the SJ BOCES looks forward to the partnership and possibility of growth with the Kwiyagatu Community Academy. Please reach out if I can help to provide further information.
Sincerely,

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